Annual Report

of

Belknap County

For the Year Ending December 31

1957

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

COMMISSIONERS

of the

COUNTY OF BELKNAP

together with the

Reports of the Superintendent of the County Home
Sheriff, County Treasurer, Jailer, Chaplain
Clerk of the Court, County Solicitor
and Auditors

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COUNTY OFFICERS

COMMISSIONERS

JOSEPH F. SMITH	MEREDITH
WILLIAM I. STAFFORD	LACONIA
MAURICE W. SAWYER	GILFORD

SOLICITOR

JAMES D. O'NEILL	LACONIA

TREASURER

BYRON O. PARKER	LACONIA

SHERIFF

RODNEY S. CROCKETT	BELMONT

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

ROBERT P. TILTON	LACONIA

JUDGE OF PROBATE

CARROLL W. STAFFORD	LACONIA

REGISTER OF PROBATE

RICHARD G. TILTON	LACONIA

DEPUTY REGISTER OF PROBATE

DOROTHEA R. CONLY	LACONIA

REGISTER OF DEEDS

CHARLES P. RAYMOND	LACONIA

DEPUTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

DOROTHEA E. HILLIARD	LACONIA

AUDITORS

DANA S. BEANE	LACONIA
ROBERT G. HOLBROOK	LACONIA

DEPUTY SHERIFFS

DONALD E. ALDEN	ALTON
LOU ATHANAS	LACONIA
PERLEY A. BEACH	MEREDITH
CHESTER C. BICKFORD	MEREDITH
HERBERT E. HOWE	TILTON
SYLVIO J. MORIN	GILFORD
WILLIAM WALLACE	NEW HAMPTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE COUNTY HOME AND JAILER

JOHN A. PICKARD	TILTON

MATRON

MRS. INA A. PICKARD	TILTON

CHAPLAIN

REV. THOMAS J. CATE	LACONIA
REV. JOSEPH E. VACHON	LACONIA

MEDICAL REFEREE

EARL W. GAGE, M.D.	LACONIA

Members of the Belknap County Delegation

1957

ALTON	Arthur Rollins
BARNSTEAD	Arthur H. McAllister
BELMONT	Harold B. Haggett
CENTER HARBOR	Keith L. Matheson
GILFORD	Marion M. Lord
GILMANTON	William T. Robertson, Ch.
LACONIA:	
Ward 1	Rene C. Lacaillade Walter D. McCarthy
Ward 2	Aime H. Morin Alfred W. Simoneau
Ward 3	Elmer S. Tilton
Ward 4	Peter S. Karagianis Albert Lucier
Ward 5	Henry I. Burbank Dave O'Shan
Ward 6	Jack B. Dana G. Walter Varrell
MEREDITH	Joseph F. Smith Ruth Miner
NEW HAMPTON	H. Thomas Urie
SANBORNTON	Marion H. Atwood, Clerk
TILTON	Warren F. Metcalf

RECORDS OF COUNTY DELEGATION

CONCORD, N. H. — JANUARY 9, 1957

The Belknap Co. Delegation met in Section 5 after the morning session, called to order by former Chairman Karagianis. He thanked the members for their cooperation during his term of office.

Present were Representatives Rollins, McAllister, Haggett, Lord, Robertson, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Morin, Simoneau, Tilton, Karagianis, Lucier, Burbank, O'Shan, Dana, Varrell, Miner and Atwood.

Rep. Dana nominated Rep. William Robertson as chairman for 1957-58. It was moved by Rep. Burbank, and duly seconded that nominations cease and that the acting secretary, Rep. Atwood, cast one vote for Rep. Robertson. It was so voted, and Rep. Robertson was declared elected chairman.

Rep. Miner nominated Rep. Atwood for clerk. It was moved by Rep. Burbank, and duly seconded, that nominations cease and that the chairman cast one ballot for Rep. Atwood. It was so voted, and Rep. Marion Atwood was elected Clerk for 1957-58.

It was moved by Rep. Tilton, and duly seconded, that the chairman appoint five members for the Executive Committee. Chr. Robertson appointed Representatives Burbank, Tilton, Simoneau, Metcalf and McAllister. It was moved by Rep. O'Shan, and duly seconded, that the clerk cast one ballot for the election of the names submitted. It was so voted, and the above named were duly elected.

It was moved by Rep. Dana, and duly seconded, that Rep. Ruth Miner be authorized to continue work on the Area accounts begun last year. It was so voted.

Meeting adjourned.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

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Clerk

CONCORD, N. H. — JANUARY 29, 1957

A meeting of the County Delegation was called to order by Chairman Robertson immediately after the close of the day's session, in Section 5.

Present were Representatives Rollins, McAllister, Haggett, Matheson, Robertson, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Morin, Simoneau, Tilton, Burbank, Dana, Varrell, Smith, Atwood and Metcalf.

Co. Com. Joseph Smith explained the purpose of the meeting was to secure the authorization of the delegation to deed some property on the County Home farm to the State of New Hampshire for the new road on N. Main Street in Laconia. The deed and the check for the same were shown. The land amounts to 6.1 acres, and is not land now being cultivated, according to Com. Smith.

It was moved by Rep. Dana, and duly seconded that the Belknap County Convention authorize the County Commissioners to convey a deed to the State of New Hampshire for a certain tract of land situated in Laconia on county property, as described in said deed. It was so voted.

Meeting adjourned.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
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LACONIA, N. H. — MARCH 4, 1957

The Public Budget Hearing on the Belknap County Budgets was held in the Court House, with Chairman William Robertson presiding. Present were Representatives Rollins, McAllister, Lord, Robertson, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Morin, Tilton, Karagianis, Lucier, Burbank, O'Shan, Dana, Varrell, Miner, Smith, Atwood, and Metcalf.

The items in the County Budget were read and explained. Under the item of Extension Service, the Commissioners had cut the amount requested by the Extension office for the County work, so there were several residents of the county who testified to the worth and necessity of this program receiving additional support. Speakers were: James Hughes, President of the Farm Bureau, Byron Galloupe of Belmont, Albert Edgerly of Laconia, Col. Emond of Gilmanton, Marcella Muelke, Barbara Benoit, Elaine Townsley, Stanley Hill, Norman Hubbard, Clifford Eastman and others. Asso. Extension Leader of N. H. Samuel Hoitt

was present and answered several queries from the delegation, as did Mr. Hughes of the Farm Bureau. Co. Agent Horace Ballard spoke as a taxpayer of the County, and said his hat was off to the Farm Bureau Ex. Board because they knew the "difference between a budget and an appropriation." The Extension Service had never gone over the budget allotted as the county had in other departments. He criticized the rise in expenditures in the total County Budget, and stated that the rise in the Extension Budget was far less. The Commissioners said the reason the amount was cut was because there was a contingency fund, and they considered that should be used to make up this year's operating budget.

Clerk of Court Robert Tilton appeared for the item of $8,900.00 for the purpose of expanding the quarters of his office. The present vault is completely filled. New space can be provided in the basement of the Court House.

The Commissioners stated that they approved an item which did not appear on the Budget, that is, $378.57 for Civil Defense.

Mayor Boutin of Laconia appeared for the city in regard to the County giving a contribution to the Airport Authority which he claimed served the whole county, but only Laconia and Gilford supported it.

It was stated the Sheriff's Expense was a new item being set up to secure a part time secretary for that office.

The Area Budget was discussed. Questions were asked which Manager Baer answered. He said the income for January and February was $1,500.00 over last year. The Area had been able to ski on only three inches of snow. He introduced the new ski instructor Pierre Duscie, who spoke of similar work in Canada, and the need of more advertising for the Belknap Area.

The president of the Ski Club spoke of all the hours of volunteer labor contributed by the ski clubs to keep the area in good condition. He announced the N. American Championship Races to be held there the coming week end, and invited all to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50.

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CONCORD, N. H. — MARCH 19, 1957

The delegation met in Room 309 at 1:30 p.m. Present were Representatives Robertson, Dana, McAllister, Tilton, Simoneau, Morin, Haggett, Atwood, Lord, Varrell and Miner.

It was moved by Rep. Dana, and seconded by Rep. Tilton that the Chairman appoint a Committee, of a number he thought necessary, to look into the accounting procedures used in the Commissioners' office, for the purpose of making the delegation more familiar with the same. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. McAllister, and seconded by Rep. Tilton that the Commissioners be requested to furnish the Delegation with more detail concerning the budget, in accordance with the statutes. It was so voted.

Meeting adjourned.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
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CONCORD, N. H. — MARCH 28, 1957

The Executive Committee met following the session of the House, but adjourned, on account of the lateness of the hour, to meet again at the Court House in Laconia on April 8, at 10 a.m.

Present were Representatives Burbank, Metcalf, McAllister, Simoneau, Tilton, Atwood and Robertson.

The Chairman announced that the following committees had been appointed:

Area Sub-Committee
Representatives Dana, Miner, Lacaillade, Haggett, Lucier, Rollins and Lord.

County Home Sub-Committee
Representatives McCarthy, O'Shan, Varrell, Matheson, and Karagianis.

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LACONIA, N. H. — APRIL 8, 1957

The Executive Committee met in the Probate Court room at 10 a.m. Present were Representatives Burbank, Tilton, Metcalf, McAllister, Robertson and Atwood.

The Budget was discussed. Detailed reports had been received from the Commissioners. Com. Stafford appeared briefly and stated that the Commissioners now recommend, in addition to the budget given the delegation earlier:

Airport	$2,000.00
Civil Defense	378.57
Increase for Ext. Service	1,370.68

It was moved by Rep. Tilton that the Committee recommend to the Delegation that the Budget Items for the following be changed.

Support of Poor	$5,000.00
Board and Care of Children	12,000.00
Soldiers' Aid	4,000.00

Several other items were questioned, but it was decided to await the results of further inquiries.

It was noted that there was an increase in salary for the Welfare Office, but not the Business Office. It was decided that both should be given equal treatment.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
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LACONIA, N. H. — APRIL 8, 1957

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Probate office at the Court House, called to order by the Chairman, Rep. Burbank, at 10 a.m. Present were Representatives Burbank, Tilton, Metcalf, McAllister, Robertson and Atwood.

The 1957 budget was discussed. Breakdowns of the different departments were available.

Rep. Tilton moved, and it was duly seconded that the following changes be recommended to the Delegation:

Support of Poor	$5,000.00
Board of Children	12,000.00
Soldiers' Aid	4,000.00

Welfare Admin.	4,475.00
Sheriff's Dept. Expense	646.45

It was so voted.

It was voted to recommend that the $600.00 item for the County Farm be ear-marked "to be used for silo repairs only."

New items approved by the Commissioners were approved to be recommended to the Delegation and were:

Civil Defense	$378.57
Laconia Airport	2,000.00
Extension Service	11,137.68

It was decided to take no action on the Area Budget until the sub-committee was ready to report.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

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CONCORD, N. H. — MAY 16, 1957

The Delegation met in Room 306 directly after the session, called to order by Chairman Robertson.

Present were Rep.'s Rollins, McAllister, Haggett, Lord, Robertson, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Morin, Simoneau, Tilton, Karagianis, Lucier, Burbank, O'Shan, Dana, Varrell, Miner, Smith, Atwood and Metcalf, also the delegate from New Hampton, Mr. H. Thomas Urie.

The Delegation took up the Budget Item — "Expense of Clerk of Court." It was moved by Rep. Burbank and seconded by Delegate Urie that $8,900.00 be approved for renovating the Clerk of Court's quarters. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan, and duly seconded that the representatives be paid for their attendance at the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Smith presented a plan of the county land proposed for sale to Laconia for a school site.

Rep. Dana moved, seconded by Rep. Tilton, that any further consideration of the matter of selling county land to the city of Laconia for school purposes be postponed until such time as the present Laconia Board of Education have manifested the desire for such land by a majority vote.

Discussion ensued. It was so voted. Representatives Karagianis and Simoneau asked to be recorded against the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
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CONCORD, N. H. — MAY 28, 1957

The delegation met in Room 100 after the legislative session. All members except Rep. Lacaillade were present, as well as Delegate Thomas Urie from New Hampton. Chairman William Robertson presided.

Members of the Laconia Board of Education were present, at their request, to bring information concerning their position on acquiring county land. Mr. Robert Johnson, Chairman of the Board, presented the history of actions taken by the Board and City Council, maintained that legal requirements had been met, and asked the county delegates to consider offering the land for sale. Also present with Mr. Johnson were Members, Mrs. Esther Nighswander and Mr. Huot, sharing his views.

Mr. Donald McIsaac, member of Laconia Board of Education, spoke against the county land site, stating that the present board was divided 3 to 3 as to upholding the choice made by the previous board. He was joined in this view by member Stephen Jewett.

Mr. Thomas Cheney, city solicitor of Laconia, stated that he was instructed to come to represent the City Council. They had voted for a $1,750,000 bond issue to build a High School and an elementary school, and had asked the School Board to negotiate with the County Commissioners and the Delegation for the site on county land. He said the Council could not determine whether they would buy until the delegates decided their willingness to sell and set a price. He said the city would like a decision by June 15, because of the road construction on North Main Street and the saving to the city if sewer and water lines could be laid before road was top-graded.

Mayor Boutin also spoke asking for a favorable decision by the county delegates and said the city did not object to deed restrictions in regard to use of land for school purposes only.

All the speakers responded to questions by the members of the delegation.

The Chairman closed the hearing.

Representative Karagianis asked to be recognized and gave Representative Varrell his place. After some discussion in which Rep. Karagianis served notice that he would ask reconsideration at some future time, and he was assured that could be done at a subsequent meeting.

The County Budget was discussed.

It was moved by Rep. Tilton and seconded by Rep. O'Shan that Rep. Joseph Smith be authorized to recommend to the Municipal and County Government Committee that a House Bill now in that Committee be amended to increase the salary of the County solicitor by $200, making it $2000, and that $200 be added to the budget to cover this item. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Smith and seconded by Rep. Dana that the figure "Amount of Revenue from Superior Court" in the estimated revenue for 1957 be increased to $1700. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Dana and seconded by Rep. O'Shan that the budget changes recommended by the Executive Committee be accepted. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Tilton that the meeting adjourn. The motion was lost.

Chairman Dana of the sub-committee on the Belknap Area explained changes in the Area budget.

It was moved by Rep. Metcalf and duly seconded that Manager Baer's salary be set at $7,500. It was so voted.

Rep. Metcalf moved for reconsideration of the vote. The motion was lost.

It was moved by Rep. Miner and seconded by Rep. Karagianis that the Area Budget be amended by adding the following footnote: "All Account books and records of the Belknap Area be maintained and kept at the Area office and that a part-time bookkeeper be employed and paid from Area funds the amount of $1200.00." Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan and duly seconded that the meeting adjourn, subject to the call of the chairman. It was so voted and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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CONCORD, N. H. — JUNE 11, 1957

The Delegation met in Room 208 W. one-half hour after adjournment, at 2:30 p.m. called to order by the Chairman Rep. Robertson.

Present were representatives Rollins, McAllister, Haggett, Matheson, Lord, Robertson, McCarthy, Morin, Simoneau, Tilton, Karagianis, Lucier, Burbank, O'Shan, Dana, Varrell, Miner, Smith, Atwood and Metcalf, and Delegate Urie.

The chairman opened a public hearing on House Bill No. 395, regarding the Belknap Area Fund. The sponsor Rep. Atwood, explained the bill and spoke in favor. Rep. Dana, chairman of the Area sub-committee, also spoke in favor.

The hearing was closed and the committee went into executive session.

It was moved by Rep. Tilton, and seconded by Rep. Matheson, that H. B. No. 395 be reported as "Ought to Pass." It was so voted.

The county budget was discussed.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan and seconded by Rep. Karagianis that the item of $600 for county farm construction be earmarked for use for silo repairs only. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan and seconded by Rep. Karagianis that the county sell the parcel of land adjoining the property of Robert Wagner to Mr. Wagner, and that the County Commissioners be authorized to sell it for $50. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan, and seconded by Rep. Karagianis, that the parcel of land adjoining Dr. Robinson Smith's land be sold to him and the Commissioners be authorized to sell it to him for $75. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. McAllister and seconded by Rep. O'Shan that the land sold to Dr. Robinson Smith be limited to three-quarters of an acre, more or less. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan and seconded by Rep. Tilton that the delegation adopt the 1957 county budget with the changes as voted. It was so voted.

(Copy of budget appended)

The total appropriation for 1957 is	$311,115.20
Estimated revenue	167,020.41
Amount to be raised by taxation	144,094.79

After some discussion of the accident to the Area tramway of last summer, it was moved by Rep. McAllister and seconded by Rep. Lucier, that when it is safe legally to give out information regarding the 1956 Area accident, a complete report be given the Delegation by the County Solicitor. It was so voted.

Rep. Miner spoke concerning the need of a bookkeeper at the Area, and reported her motion of May 28th which was seconded by Rep. Atwood. It was so voted.

The matter of selling county land to Laconia was then taken up. Rep. Urie requested that the minutes of the last meeting be read, and the Clerk read the record. It was moved by Rep. Atwood, and seconded by Rep. Karagianis, that the rules be suspended in order to reconsider the vote taken on May 16 in regard to the sale of land to the city of Laconia.

Speaking for the motion were Representatives Atwood, Karagianis and Lord; speaking against were Representatives Urie and O'Shan.

The roll was called and voting "Yes" were Representatives Rollins, Lord, Simoneau, Tilton, Karagianis, Dana, Varrell, Smith, Atwood and Haggett. Voting "No" were Representatives McAllister, Robertson, Morin, McCarthy, Lucier, Burbank, O'Shan, Urie and Metcalf. Rep. Miner passed. Rep. Matheson had to leave before the vote was taken, but asked to be recorded as favorable to the motion. The required number not having voted in favor of reconsideration, the motion was lost.

Upon motion of Delegate Urie, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

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CONCORD, N. H. — JUNE 18, 1957

The Executive Committee met in Room 317 after the legislative session.

Present were Representatives Burbank, Tilton, Metcalf, McAllister, Simoneau, Robertson, Atwood and Rep. Dana, the chairman of the Area sub-committee.

The Area budget was discussed and Rep. Dana answered questions.

Rep. Robertson presented two resolutions. The first one was on the manager's salary. This is not subject to reconsideration. The second resolution concerned the bookkeeper. The members voted against this resolution, and then voted that the previous motion be deleted from the minutes.

It was moved by Rep. Robertson and seconded by Rep. McAllister, that the 1957 Area Budget as changed by the Sub-committee and by votes of the delegation, be recommended to the Executive Committee. It was so voted.

Chairman Robertson announced that the Delegation would meet at the County Home on Friday, June 28th.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

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LACONIA, N. H. — JUNE 28, 1957

The Delegation met at the County Home where they were guests of Superintendent and Mrs. Pickard at a bountiful luncheon. Present were Representatives Rollins, McAllister, Haggett, Robertson, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Simoneau, Tilton, Lucier, Burbank, O'Shan, Dana, Varrell, Miner, Smith, Atwood and Metcalf, also Delegate Urie from New Hampton. Also present were the Commissioners, County Solicitor O'Neill, Senator Rogers and Reverend Thomas Cate. The press was represented by Earle Anderson of the Union Leader and Raymond Smith of the Evening Citizen.

Following the luncheon, Chairman Robertson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. He thanked the Pickards on behalf of those present.

The Area Budget was discussed. It was moved by Rep. Dana and seconded by Rep. Burbank that the Area Budget as changed by the Subcommittee on May 4, and further amended by votes of the Delegation on May 28 and June 11, be adopted. Rep. Tilton reported for the Executive Committee and recommended that the Area Budget be adopted. It was so voted.

The Chairman asked the clerk to read the Memorandum received from the Extension Service in regard to changes in their budgetary procedure. It was moved by Rep. Dana and duly seconded that the resolution be tabled and that the Chairman appoint a committee to consult with the County Solicitor and such other persons as necessary, and report back to the delegation. It was so voted. The Chairman appointed Representatives Robertson, Morin and Varrell.

It was reported that the farm truck was in such condition that it could not be passed in the May test, and that a replacement would cost $1,500.00. It was moved by Rep. McCarthy and seconded by Rep. Rollins, that the Commissioners be authorized to withdraw $1,500 from the Capital Reserve Fund to purchase a new truck. In the discussion which ensued it was stated that the meeting was called for the adoption of the Area Budget, and

other business was not on the agenda. The roll was called and the vote was in the affirmative, 17 voting "Yes."

Commissioner Smith reported that the high pressure boiler had broken down. A replacement would cost $3,200. It was moved by Rep. O'Shan and seconded by Delegate Urie, that the Commissioners look around and give us all the facts pertaining to the boiler and the cost of the same, and we meet again at the call of the Chairman. Discussion ensued.

The County Solicitor was asked for an opinion as to the legality of voting on the Capital Reserve Fund at a meeting not called for that purpose. He wished to consider the matter before giving an opinion. The previous motion was amended upon motion of Rep. Metcalf to "strike out the same and moved that the County Commissioners be authorized to withdraw from the Capital Reserve Fund a sum not to exceed $3,200 and expend the same for the purchase and installation of a high pressure boiler." The amendment was adopted, 15 members voting in the affirmative. The motion, as amended, was adopted, with 15 voting in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

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Clerk

LACONIA, N. H. — SEPTEMBER 9, 1957

The Delegation met in the Probate Room at the Court House, called to order by Chairman Robertson at 8 p.m. Present were Representatives Rollins, McAllister, Lord, Robertson, Lacaillade, McCarthy, Morin, Simoneau, Tilton, Lucier, Burbank, O'Shan, Dana, Varrell, Miner, Smith, Metcalf, Atwood and Delegate Urie.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Samuel Hoitt, Acting Director of the Cooperative Extension Service who explained the formation of an Extension Council made necessary by the separation of the Extension Service and the Farm Bureau. He answered questions by the various representatives.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan and seconded by Rep. McCarthy that the Memorandum of Understanding (Appended) be adopted. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Metcalf and seconded by Rep. Rollins

that the effective date of the change be December 1, 1957, and that the newly formed council be authorized to expend funds after that date. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Dana and duly seconded that the clerk cast one ballot for Rep. W. T. Robertson as the delegate from the Convention to the Extension Council. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Dana, and duly seconded, that the term of Rep. Robertson extend until the last Wednesday of December, 1958, or until his successor is elected. It was so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
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LACONIA, N. H. — OCTOBER 4, 1957

The Executive Committee met at the Court House on Friday, October 4, 1957, called to order at 10 a.m. Present were Reps. Burbank, Tilton, Metcalf, Simoneau, McAllister, Robertson & Atwood. Commissioner Stafford also attended.

The County budget was reviewed. Overdrafts seemed probable in "Poor off Farm" and "Soldier's Aid." Revenue from the County Farm was over the estimate.

The Area Budget was reviewed, and no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

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LACONIA, N. H. — OCTOBER 9, 1957

The Belknap County Convention met at the call of the Commissioners in the Probate Room at the Court House. Called to order by the Clerk at 7:30 p.m. Present were Representatives Rollins, McAllister, Haggett, Robertson, Lord, McCarthy, Lacaillade, Morin, Simoneau, Tilton, O'Shan, Burbank, Lucier, Varrell, Smith, and Atwood, and Delegate Urie. The Commissioners were present.

Commissioner Smith stated that the Public Service Company of N. H. desired to buy land on the County Farm property

adjoining the new road and State School property, also a right of way to the same. He introduced R. Emery Smith of the Company who described the parcel of land and answered questions. He said that the Company needed more space for expanded service in that part of Laconia. The amount they desired to purchase outright was about .4 of an acre, the right of way would include a strip about 100 feet wide and 399 feet long. He stated that they thought an appropriate price would be $500.00 for the parcel bought and $200.00 for the right of way.

Chairman Robertson arrived and presided. He read the letter of the Commissioners requesting the meeting which stated that the Public Service Co. would pay for the expense of calling the Convention meeting. Commissioner Smith said that the Commissioners were unanimous in recommending that the County sell the property at the price mentioned.

It was moved by Rep. Burbank and seconded by Rep. Tilton that the Convention authorize the Commissioners to sell land according to the plan presented to the Convention to the Public Service Company of New Hampshire for the sum of Five Hundred dollars ($500.00) for the land for the sub-station and the sum of Two Hundred dollars ($200.00) for the right of way.

It was so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

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LACONIA, N. H. — DECEMBER 27, 1957

The Executive Committee met at the Court House, at the request of the County Commissioners, to act upon giving said Commissioners the authority to exceed the amount of the 1957 budget.

The Hearing was called to order at 10 a.m. by Chairman Burbank. Present were Representatives Burbank, Tilton, Simoneau, McAllister, also Clerk Atwood and Chairman of the Delegation, Rep. Robertson. The three Commissioners were present, also Mayor Bernard Boutin of Laconia.

The Commissioners explained that County Home revenue, estimated at $80,000.00, would be about $95,000.00. Other revenue would be slightly less than estimated. Extra expenditures were overdrafts: (1) Over $7,000.00 in Superior Court expense (2) Increase of $2,000.00 in taxes paid on the County Farm to the

city of Laconia (3) Extra inmates at the Home (balanced by extra income). They added that the extra revenue would take care of the request for exceeding the voted Budget.

The Area revenue has not met the amount as estimated because of lack of snow. The Budget, as voted at the annual meeting, has not been exceeded, but has exceeded the revenue actually received. The Commissioners reported that a bill of L. M. Pike and Son for $5,959.27 for construction of Area roads, as voted by the Delegation, has not been paid because of lack of funds.

Chairman Burbank closed the Hearing and the Executive Committee meeting was called to order.

Rep. Robertson, Chairman of the Delegation, read the resignation of W. F. Metcalf of Tilton from the Executive Committee, caused by his accepting the post of Postmaster in Tilton. The resignation was accepted with regret. Chr. Robertson announced that he had appointed Rep. Ruth Miner of Meredith to fill the vacancy.

It was moved by Rep. Tilton, and duly seconded, that the County Commissioners be authorized to expend not over Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) from the unexpended Revenue, to exceed the Budget as voted by the Delegation. It was so voted.

The Area situation was discussed. As the Budget voted by the Delegation was not exceeded, it was felt that the Executive Committee need not take affirmative action. However, to facilitate the payment of the bill of L. M. Pike and Son which is overdue, the following action was taken:

It was moved by Rep. Atwood, and seconded by Rep. Robertson, that the Executive Committee approve the action of the Commissioners in seeking approval of the Court to borrow money to pay the Pike bill, in anticipation of revenue expected. It was so voted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

A true copy attest:
MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY BUDGET FOR 1957

Salaries of:	
Commissioners	$4,500.00
Treasurer	500.00
Auditors	200.00
Solicitor	1,800.00
Sheriff	1,500.00
Expenses of Medical Referee	
Expenses of:	
County Officers	2,400.00
Register of Deeds	1,825.00
Register of Probate	1,500.00
Sheriff Expense	646.45
Care and Supplies, Court House	7,000.00
Superior Court	22,000.00
Public Welfare:	
County Home	115,000.00
Poor off Farm	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	10,000.00
Care of Children	12,000.00
Soldiers' Aid	4,000.00
Relief Administration	4,755.00
Office Expense	5,000.00
Interest:	
On Bonds	96.25
T-Bar Notes	843.75
New Construction & Equipment:	
Silo Repair	600.00
County Infirmary	4,799.50
Indebtedness:	
Bonds	7,000.00
Temporary Loans	60,000.00
T-Bar Notes	5,000.00

All Other Payments:	
Extension Service	11,370.68
Social Security & Retirement	4,000.00
Delegation Expense	400.00
Clerk of Court	8,900.00
Surplus Comm.	2,000.00
Register of Deeds (index)	3,500.00
Register of Deeds (map)	400.00
Civil Defense	378.57
Airport	2,000.00
Solicitor, added salary	200.00
Estimated Revenue	$311,115.20
	167,020.41
To be raised by Taxation	$144,094.79

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

In accordance with the Public statutes of New Hampshire the Commissioners of Belknap County present the annual report of the County Commissioners, Treasurer, Superintendent County Home and House of Correction, Manager of the Recreation Area, Clerk of Superior Court, Sheriff, Solicitor and Auditors for the year ending December 31, 1957.

During the year 1957 Belknap County had a very pleasant and prosperous year.

COURT HOUSE

During the year office space was made available for the Court Stenographer. Considerable improvement was made in the Clerk of Court offices and these offices have been completely modernized.

COUNTY HOME

A new truck was purchased for the County Home, silo was repaired and a new foundation replaced on one of the buildings.

Many improvements were made in the Infirmary. New hospital beds were added and many other items that were greatly needed have been purchased. Estimated revenue for the year was set at $80,000.00. Actual receipts were $95,000.00.

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Direct Assistance costs were higher than previous years. The amount budgeted was not adequate for the aid granted. The fall and winter months bring regular increases in such relief costs, reflecting seasonal unemployment and cold weather factors always present at this time.

Old Age Assistance grants were somewhat higher than the previous year and are now fairly constant.

Board and Care of Children and Soldiers' Aid cases present the greatest problems. Increased needs for Care of Children arise from broken homes and lack of parental responsibility. Reimbursements on such cases are difficult to obtain and of rather disappointing amounts, except through Court action. Soldiers' Aid problems showed a decided increase this year and involves both necessary care of such families during emergencies and considerable guidance in trying to get families to make an effort to solve their own problems. An increased appropriation for Soldiers' Aid seems necessary for 1958.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

The ten year indexing is now nearly done, and should be completed in August or September of 1958.

RECREATION AREA

Under the management of Fritzie Baer another good year has been had at the Area, despite the lack of snow in November and December.

The Student Ticket is still in effect and more students are availing themselves of this privilege.

Signed:

JOSEPH F. SMITH
MAURICE W. SAWYER
WILLIAM I. STAFFORD

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash on hand	$4,968.01
Capital Reserve:	
County Home Improvements	16,661.85
Recreation Area, Revolving Fund	12,916.24
Accounts due County:	
Due County Home	15,651.70
Due from Recreation Area, deductions etc.	563.71
Other Assets:	
Recreation Area balance	508.50
County Home, petty cash	200.00
Total Assets:	$51,470.01

Liabilities

Capital Reserve:	
County Home Improvements	$16,661.85
Recreation Area, Revolving Fund	12,916.24
Temporary Loans Outstanding:	
Note No. 271, Laconia National Bank, for road repair at Recreation Area due January 30, 1958	6,000.00
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
T-Bar Notes, a/c Recreation Area	35,000.00
Payroll deductions, December	853.74
Social Security, 4th quarter	711.10
Recreation Area balance	508.50
Total Liabilities:	$72,651.43
Excess of Liabilities over Assets (Net Debt)	22,181.42
Net Debt, December 31, 1956	24,144.99
Net Debt, December 31, 1957	22,181.42
Decrease of Debt	$1,963.57

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT OF BELKNAP COUNTY
December 31, 1957

T-BAR NOTES, ISSUED FOR PURCHASE AND ERECTION OF T-BAR AT RECREATION AREA

SHOWING ANNUAL MATURITIES

1958 — Note No. 4, Peoples Nat. Bank, Laconia	$5,000.00
1959 — Note No. 5, Laconia Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1960 — Note No. 6, Peoples Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1961 — Note No. 7, Laconia Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1962 — Note No. 8, Peoples Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1963 — Note No. 9, Laconia Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1964 — Note No. 10, Peoples Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
TOTAL	$35,000.00

Interest payable November 21 and May 21, 2.25% in arrears.
Principal payable May 21, $5,000.00 annually.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
RECREATION AREA — 1957

	Budget	Payments	Unexpended	Overdraft
Administrative Expense:				
Manager's Salary	$7,500.00	$7,313.03	$186.97	
Office Salaries	2,000.00	1,821.38	178.62	
Office Expense	500.00	785.11		$285.11
Comm. Office Expense	1,650.00		1,650.00	
Manager's Prom. & Exp.	1,500.00	1,186.01	313.99	
Bookkeeper	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Advertising	6,500.00	6,538.82		38.82
Audit, Tax Comm.	600.00	235.23	364.77	
Departmental Expense:				
Tramway	12,500.00	9,134.48	3,365.52	
Restaurant	23,500.00	24,250.52		750.52
Gift Shop	9,500.00	12,065.89		2,565.89
Ski Shop & School	25,500.00	23,457.69	2,042.31	
Dance Hall	500.00		500.00	
Special Events	1,350.00	2,505.56		1,155.56
Fixed Charges:				
Taxes & Insurance	8,350.00	6,213.72	2,136.28	
General Maintenance	25,000.00	24,656.78	343.22	
Indebtedness:				
Principal & Interest	5,843.75	5,843.75		

Capital Outlay:				
Repairs, Ski Jump	200.00		200.00	
New Equipment	5,000.00	1,686.83	3,313.17	
New Construction:				
*Slopes & Trails	9,000.00	9,104.86		104.86
Replacement Repairs	5,000.00	2,444.43	2,555.57	
*Includes road repair				
Total:	$152,693.75	$139,244.09	$18,350.42	$4,900.76

RECREATION AREA RECEIPTS
January 1 — December 31, 1957

	Estimated	Actual
Receipts:		
Tramway & Tows	$65,000.00	$44,655.77
Grill & Soda	36,000.00	32,955.62
Dance Hall	500.00	
Gift Shop	12,000.00	14,286.63
Ski Shop & School	32,000.00	22,721.39
Special Events	4,000.00	5,566.08
Rental (Hall)	1,000.00	1,380.00
Juke Box, Coin Lock, Camping etc	2,500.00	2,672.64
Total:	$153,000.00	$124,238.13
Cash on hand 12-31-56	9,555.19	
Total	$162,555.19	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
1957

	Budget	Payments	Unexpended	Overdraft	Receipts
Salaries of:					
Commissioners	$4,500.00	$4,473.71	$26.29		
Treasurer	500.00	500.00			
Auditors	200.00	200.00			
Solicitor	1,800.00	1,800.00			
Sheriff	1,500.00	1,490.02	9.98		
Exp. of Med. Referee		1,042.90		$1,042.90	
Expenses of:					
County Officers	2,400.00	2,342.62	57.38		
Register of Deeds	1,825.00	1,679.57	145.43		
Register of Probate	1,500.00	1,456.26	43.74		
Sheriff Expense	646.45	471.78	174.67		
Care & Supplies Court House	7,000.00	6,683.94	316.06		$260.00
Superior Court	22,000.00	28,352.07		6,352.07	39.70
Public Welfare:					
County Home	115,000.00	121,279.43		6,279.43	95,942.25
Poor off Farm	5,000.00	4,845.41	154.59		10.00
Old Age Assistance	10,000.00	10,307.28		307.28	5,899.60
Care of Children	12,000.00	12,673.12		673.12	3,266.40
Soldiers' Aid	4,000.00	4,692.22		692.22	156.00
Relief Adm.	4,755.00	4,697.22	57.78		
Office Expense	5,000.00	4,869.55	130.45		

Interest:					
On Bonds	96.25	96.25			
T-Bar Notes	843.75	843.75			* (843.75)
New Construction & Equipment:					
Silo Repair	600.00	251.72	348.28		
County Infirmary	4,799.50	4,139.16	660.34		
Indebtedness:					
Bonds	7,000.00	7,000.00			
Temporary Loans	60,000.00	60,000.00			58,683.33
T-Bar Notes	5,000.00	5,000.00			* (5,000.00)
All Other Payments:					
Extension Service	11,370.68	11,370.68			
Social Security & Retirement	4,000.00	3,647.26	352.74		
Delegation Expense	400.00	558.67		158.67	78.40
Clerk of Court	8,900.00	6,445.76	2,454.24		
Surplus Commodities	2,000.00	1,164.34	835.66		1,325.51
Register of Deeds (index)	3,500.00	3,182.91	317.09		
Register of Deeds (map)	400.00	360.00	40.00		
Civil Defense	378.57	311.08	67.49		
Airport	2,000.00	2,000.00			
Solicitor, added salary	200.00	174.74	25.26		
	$311,115.20	$320,403.42	$6,217.47	$15,505.69	$165,661.19
				6,217.47	
				$9,288.22	* ($5,843.75)
					171,504.94
					*Rec. Area

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Description:	
Land and Buildings:	
(a) Court House	$50,000.00
(b) Jail	15,000.00
(c) County Home	50,000.00
(d) Recreation Area — land value	16,000.00
Furniture and Equipment:	
(a) Court House	15,000.00
(b) Jail	1,775.00
(c) County Home	29,450.00
(d) County Infirmary	12,000.00
TOTAL:	$189,225.00

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:	
*Taxes from Towns	$144,094.80
Income from Institutions:	
County Home	13,438.22
Infirmary	82,504.03
Reimbursement for Support of Poor:	
Old Age Assistance	5,899.60
Direct Relief	10.00
Care of Children	3,266.40
Soldiers' Aid	155.00
Receipts other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary Loans	89,286.71
Withdrawn from Capital Reserve	4,700.00
Refunds from Recreation Area deductions, Blue Cross, insurance etc	7,807.82
J. O. Morton, Comm., right of way	1,200.00
Surplus Commodities, from Towns	1,325.51
Blue Cross refunds	973.05
Social Security (non payroll)	582.59
State of New Hampshire, office rent	260.00
Court orders voided	39.70
Delegation Meeting (Public Service)	78.40
Flood Control Payments	144.75
Retirement refund	48.78
Total Receipts	$355,816.36
Cash on hand January 1, 1957	8,903.33
Grand Total:	$364,719.69

*Overpayment of 1c by Town of Gilmanton, refunded

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
1. Salaries of (a) Commissioners	$4,473.71
(b) Treasurer	500.00
(c) Auditors	200.00
(d) Solicitor	1,974.74
(e) Sheriff	1,490.02
(f) Medical Referee (expenses)	1,042.90

2. Expenses of (a) County Officers	2,342.62
(b) Register of Deeds	1,679.57
(c) Register of Probate	1,456.26
3. Care & Supplies, Court House	6,683.94
Superior Court:	
4. Jury Payrolls	3,499.02
5. State vs. Payrolls	1,834.94
6. Referees and Masters	315.80
7. Counsel Fees	1,132.43
8. Stenographer etc.	3,254.22
9. Clerk of Court	10,210.19
10. Sheriff and Deputies	8,105.47
Public Welfare:	
11. County Farm, Infirmary and Jail	121,279.43
12. Support of Poor not on Farm	4,845.41
13. Old Age Assistance	10,307.28
14. Care of Children	12,673.12
15. Soldiers' Aid	4,692.22
16. Welfare Administration	4,697.22
17. Office Expense	4,869.55
Total Current Maintenance Expense:	$213,560.06
Interest:	
18. Paid on Bonded Debt	96.25
Outlay for New Construction and Equipment:	
19. Clerk of Court, equipment	6,445.76
20. Sheriff Office equipment	471.78
21. Register of Deeds, map repair	360.00
22. Register of Deeds, index	3,182.91
23. County Home, silo repair	251.72
24. County Infirmary, equipment	4,139.16
Total Outlay Payments:	$14,851.33
Indebtedness:	
25. Paid on Bonded Debt	$7,000.00
26. Paid on Temporary Loans	85,000.00
Total Indebtedness Payments:	$92,000.00

All Other Payments:

27.	Extension Service	$11,370.69
28.	Social Security, County and payroll	3,584.66
29.	Retirement System, County and payroll	681.28
30.	Delegation Expense	558.67
31.	Recreation Area, deductions etc.	7,800.05
32.	Surplus Commodities	1,164.34
33.	Blue Cross, refunded	1,026.00
34.	Civil Defense (spec. appro.)	311.08
35.	Airport (spec. appro.)	2,000.00
36.	Farm Equipment (Capital Reserve)	4,643.24
37.	Transfer to Recreation Area	5,959.27
38.	Flood Control payments	144.75
39.	Tax refund, Town of Gilmanton	.01
Total Payments for All Purposes		$359,751.68
Cash on hand December 31, 1957		4,968.01
Grand Total:		$364,719.69

RECEIPTS

COUNTY TAXES

Alton	$11,609.72
Barnstead	3,203.23
Belmont	6,076.48
Center Harbor	2,690.25
Gilford	12,348.92
*Gilmanton	4,185.96
Laconia	72,011.37
Meredith	14,150.11
New Hampton	4,295.46
Sanbornton	3,675.86
Tilton	9,847.44
Total:	$144,094.80

*Overpayment of 1c, refunded

INCOME FROM INSTITUTIONS

County Home and Infirmary	$95,942.25

REIMBURSEMENT, SUPPORT OF POOR

Probation Dept., collection	$10.00

REIMBURSEMENT, SOLDIERS' AID

Personal refunds	$156.00

REIMBURSEMENT, CARE OF CHILDREN

Treasurer of U. S., social security	902.40
Probation Dept., collections	880.00

Welfare Dept., refunds	360.00
Personal refunds	1,124.00
Total:	$3,266.40

REIMBURSEMENT, OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State of New Hampshire, reimbursements	$267.22
J. A. Pickard, a/c County Infirmary	5,632.38
Total:	$5,899.60

RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE
RECREATION AREA

Payroll deductions, Blue Cross, insurance etc paid by County and refunded	$7,807.82

TEMPORARY LOANS

Date issued:	**Payable:**
February 18, 1957	December 31, 1957
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H. Notes No. 268 & 269 — $30,000.00 each, discount $1,316.67	58,683.33
June 12, 1957	December 31, 1957
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H. Note No. 270 — $25,000.00 discount $380.37	24,619.63
December 30, 1957	January 30, 1958
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H. Note No. 271 — $6,000.00 discount $16.25	5,983.75
Total:	$89,286.71

SALE OF RIGHT OF WAY, COUNTY HOME

J. O. Morton, Commissioner	$1,200.00

TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL RESERVE

B. O. Parker, Treasurer	$4,700.00

ALL OTHER RECEIPTS

Blue Cross refunds	$973.05
Social Security (non payroll)	582.59
State of New Hampshire, office rent	260.00
Court Orders voided	39.70
Public Service Co., a/c Delegation Meeting	78.40
Treasurer of New Hampshire, Flood Control payments	144.75
Retirement System, adjustment	48.78
Surplus Commodities, from Towns	1,325.51
Total:	$3,452.78

PAYMENTS

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSE

SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

*Commissioners:	
Joseph F. Smith	$1,490.57
Maurice W. Sawyer	1,491.57
William I. Stafford	1,491.57
Treasurer:	
Byron O. Parker	500.00
Auditors:	
Dana S. Beane	100.00
Robert G. Holbrook	100.00
*Solicitor:	
James D. O'Neill	1,974.74
*Sheriff:	
Rodney S. Crockett	1,490.02
Medical Referee:	
Dr. Earl W. Gage, expenses	1,042.90
Total:	$9,681.37

*Minus fourth quarter social security

EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Joseph F. Smith	$177.78
Maurice W. Sawyer	140.28
William I. Stafford	210.23
Citizen Publishing Co., ads	52.00
Guy U. Horne Agency, bonds	293.75
Howell Pr. & Dup. Co., County reports	468.00
Jewett Agency, bonds	520.00
Kiplinger Agency, subscription	18.00
Melcher & Prescott Agency, bond	12.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	401.95
State of New Hampshire, siren for medical referee	45.00
Treasurer of New Hampshire, referendum O.A.S.I.	3.13
Total:	$2,342.62

COURT HOUSE EXPENSE

Atlas Products Co., supplies	$26.46
Blue Cross	134.35
Boulia Gorrell Co., supplies	96.80
Bragdon Paint Co., supplies	106.92
R. Brough, sand	3.75

P. Dutile Co., fuel	1,143.86
Gale Ins. Agency, insurance	556.57
Goodwin Paper Co., supplies	91.20
Hartford Acc. & Indemnity Co., insurance	129.27
Hayward's Country Store, supplies	29.84
L. & L. Engraving Co., signs	53.50
Laconia Furniture Co., supplies	24.06
Laconia Hardware Co., supplies	59.86
Oscar A. Lougee Co., supplies	1.70
Laconia National Bank, deductions	211.20
Lakes Region Feed & Supply Co., supplies	12.25
Luxor Lighting Products Co., supplies	177.53
Munsey & Brazil Inc., insurance	98.05
Northern Heating & Plumbing Co., supplies	1.20
L. M. Pike & Sons, plowing	44.00
Public Service Co., lights	571.05
Retirement System, deductions	92.56
G. B. Robbins Disinfecting Co., supplies	74.86
Rodd Roofing Co., repairs	100.00
Salary, janitor	2,682.79
R. F. Shelley, sewer & water charges	47.80
F. M. Shurbert, trucking	40.00
South Main Market, supplies	12.29
Social Security, deductions	54.42
L. S. Weeks, trucking	4.00
Total:	$6,683.94

REGISTER OF DEEDS

R. A. Foss, printing	$33.00
I. B. M. Corp., supplies	380.66
Carl Larson, supplies	213.50
S. Lerman, printing	117.25
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	295.67
H. A. Manning Co., directory	22.50
Meredith News, envelopes	35.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	167.10
Remington Rand Co., supplies	35.32
Roger's Store, supplies	3.65
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., record books etc.	373.67
Ellis Smith, supplies	2.25
Total:	$1,679.57

REGISTER OF PROBATE

H. Aiken, stamps	$21.00
Boston Law Book Co., N. H. Digest	18.50
I. B. M. Corp., supplies	9.32

Kee Lox Mfg. Co., supplies	41.75
Carl Larson, supplies	314.06
S. Lerman, printing	400.85
Oscar A. Lougee Co., supplies	.53
H. A. Manning Co., directory	22.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	235.70
Postmaster, stamps	101.00
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., supplies	222.95
Ted's Printing Service, printing	65.55
F. S. Willey Co., express charges	2.55
Total:	$1,456.26

SUPERIOR COURT
JURY PAYROLLS

Petit Jury:	
March Term	$1,009.90
October Term	2,138.28
Grand Jury:	
March Term	171.92
October Term	178.92
Total:	$3,499.02

"STATE VS — " PAYROLLS

State vs Collette	$75.00
Dupuis and Burdett	12.00
Dufault	90.00
Hurd	10.00
Miner	6.20
Peavey	5.00
Tracy	15.00
Miscellaneous	55.80
Thomas P. Cheney, expense	62.34
James D. O'Neill, expense	1,503.60
Total:	$1,834.94

COUNSEL FEES

F. W. Johnston, master's fees	$160.80
R. P. Tilton, master's fees	155.00
R. P. Brouillard, counsel fees	130.00
J. P. Chandler, counsel fees	50.00
T. P. Cheney, counsel fees	100.00
S. S. Jewett, counsel fees	50.00
T. J. McIntyre, counsel fees	25.00
Nighswander, Lord & Bownes, counsel fees	25.00

Normandin & Normandin, counsel fees	717.43
S. Silversteen, counsel fees	35.00
Total:	$1,448.23

STENOGRAPHER ETC.

M. A. Forsberg, stenographer's fees	$241.50
E. W. Nolan, stenographer's fees	202.64
P. A. Sheehan, stenographer's fees	380.25
Boston Law Book Co., Words & Phrases	155.00
Chertok's Furniture Co., casters	6.00
I. B. M. Corp., typewriter service	50.40
Lawyer's Co-op. Printing Co., Corpus Juris	167.50
F. P. Shepard Co., Shepard's Citation	18.00
G. O. Shovan, Supreme Court Opinions	25.00
Treasurer of N. H., stenographer's salaries	1,997.28
Wright & Potter Printing Co., law books	10.65
Total:	$3,254.22

CLERK OF COURT

Citizen Publishing Co., docket	$1,268.10
Eva's Dress Shop, cleaning	5.00
A. S. Healey, printing	25.33
I. B. M. Corp., supplies	82.44
S. Lerman, printing	292.40
Maher's Bookstore, supplies & equipment	313.50
H. A. Manning Co., directory	22.50
Melcher & Prescott Agency, bond (deputy)	100.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	385.63
Pelouse Mfg. Co., supplies	1.09
F. H. Riley, repairing books	25.00
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., supplies	32.75
Ted's Printing Service, printing	444.38
R. P. Tilton, clerk's account	7,193.57
Roger's Store, supplies	3.00
F. L. Towers Co., N. H. Register	15.50
Total:	$10,210.19

SHERIFF

D. C. Alden, sheriff's fees	$349.10
L. Athanas, sheriff's fees	775.75
P. A. Beach, sheriff's fees	1,096.55
C. C. Bickford, sheriff's fees	250.60
R. S. Crockett, sheriff's fees	4,588.56
H. E. Howe, sheriff's fees	238.20
S. J. Morin, sheriff's fees	318.30

Laconia Tavern, meals for jurors	45.55
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	5.87
H. A. Manning Co., directory	22.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	311.70
Ted's Printing Service, printing	102.79
Total:	$8,105.47

COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES

(See Report of Superintendent of County Home)

Commissioner's orders drawn and paid by the County Treasurer January 1 to December 31, 1957	$121,279.43

PUBLIC WELFARE

	Poor off Farm	Soldiers' Aid
Alton	$145.04	
Belmont		$977.94
Gilmanton		216.15
Laconia	4,142.27	3,107.15
Meredith	483.10	390.98
Tilton	75.00	
Total:	$4,845.41	$4,692.22

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

County Payments	$10,307.28

CARE OF CHILDREN

County Payments	$12,673.12

RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and travel expense	$3,805.34
Blue Cross	106.00
Payroll deductions	578.40
Retirement System	136.62
Social Security	70.86
Total:	$4,697.22

OFFICE EXPENSE

Salaries	$4,013.70
Blue Cross	53.00
Burroughs, service	20.80
R. A. Foss, printing	16.00
Laconia National Bank, deductions	351.70
Carl Larson, supplies	3.68
H. A. Manning Co., directory	22.50

Postmaster, envelopes & stamps	114.60
Retirement System	146.12
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., supplies	20.07
Ellis Smith, supplies	9.80
State Planning & Dev. Comm., directories	2.00
Social Security	80.08
F. L. Tower Co., N. H. Register	15.50
Total:	$4,869.55

INTEREST

Paid on bonded debt:	
National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass., Issue of Mar. 15, 1937	$96.25

INDEBTEDNESS

Paid on bonded debt:	
National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass., Issue of March 15, 1937	$7,000.00
Paid on temporary loans:	
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H. Notes Nos. 268, 269 and 270	$85,000.00

ALL OTHER PAYMENTS

Delegation Expense:	
Arthur Rollins, mileage and attendance	$22.40
Arthur H. McAllister	56.00
Harold B. Haggett	8.40
Marion M. Lord	11.40
William T. Robertson	42.00
Ruth Miner	16.20
Joseph F. Smith	21.60
H. T. Urie	52.77
M. H. Atwood	86.40
W. F. Metcalf	35.00
R. C. Lacaillade	12.80
W. D. McCarthy	12.80
A. W. Simoneau	19.20
A. H. Morin	9.60
E. S. Tilton	25.60
P. S. Karagianis	3.20
A. Lucier	12.80
D. O'Shan	12.80
H. I. Burbank	25.60
G. W. Varrell	13.60
J. B. Dana	10.20
E. B. Gardner	3.80

Citizen Publishing Co., ads & notices	43.50
State of New Hampshire, engrossing fee	1.00
Total:	$558.67
Extension Service	$11,370.69
Retirement System:	
County Share	$681.28
Social Security:	
O.A.S.I. Costs (County)	$18.99
Social Security adjustment 1956:	
County	19.78
Payroll	19.78
Social Security 1957:	
County	2,927.22
Payroll	2,927.21
Total:	$5,912.98
Paid a/c Recreation Area:	
Payroll deductions	$3,003.53
Retirement deductions	398.32
Social Security deductions	781.54
Blue Cross deductions	605.65
Insurance	2,944.02
Social Security adjustment 1956	6.39
Stamped envelopes	60.60
Total:	$7,800.05
Transfers:	
To Recreation Area, road repair	$5,959.27
Surplus Commodities:	
Treasurer of New Hampshire	$1,164.34
Blue Cross:	
Non payroll, refunded	$1,026.00

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

County Home:	
Silo repair:	
E. T. Lebel, mason work	$251.72
Infirmary:	
Laconia Furniture Co., chairs	$110.00
Lougee Robinson Co., kitchen hardware	91.68
E. F. Mahady Co., equipment	3,162.47
Professional Hospital & Equipment Co., equipment	182.55
Rhoads & Co., bedding	485.23
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., office equipment	107.23
Total:	$4,139.16

Register of Deeds (index):	
Salary, supervisor	$969.08
Salary, typist	1,653.60
R. A. Foss, printing	105.00
Laconia National Bank, deductions	350.40
S. Lerman, printing	38.00
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., supplies	31.73
Social Security, deductions	35.10
Total:	$3,182.91
Register of Deeds (map repair):	
Cragg Bindery Inc., binding	$360.00
Airport Authority:	
Appropriation	$2,000.00
Civil Defense:	
Head's Electric Shop, antenna	$27.51
John Mont, table	5.00
Treasurer of New Hampshire, projector	278.57
Total:	$311.08
Sheriff Department:	
C. F. Burditt, radio installation	$58.93
W. S. Darnley Co., equipment	67.33
Everson Ross Co. Inc., badges	21.52
Federal Sign & Signal Co., siren	79.01
Russell Uniform Co., handcuffs	24.49
Smith Corona Inc., typewriter	220.50
Total:	$471.78
Clerk of Court Office:	
I.B.M. Corp., electric typewriter	$430.00
Laconia Radio & Supply Co., vacuum sets	50.00
Lougee Robinson Co., tile flooring	105.00
Maher's Bookstore, files & chair	1,988.79
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., equipment	3,188.97
M. L. Tibbetts, new lights	395.00
Victor Adding Machine Co., adding machine	288.00
Total:	$6,445.76
Flood Control Payments:	
Town of New Hampton	$64.03
Town of Sanbornton	80.72
Total:	$144.75

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners for Belknap County:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer of the County of Belknap for the twelve months ending December 31, 1957.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1957	$8,903.33
*Taxes from Towns	144,094.80
Income from Institutions	95,942.25
Reimbursement, Support of Poor	10.00
Reimbursement, Old Age Assistance	5,899.60
Reimbursement, Care of Children	3,266.40
Reimbursement, Soldiers' Aid	156.00
Receipts other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary Loans	89,286.71
Transfer from Capital Reserve	4,700.00
J. O. Morton, Comm., right of way	1,200.00
All Other Receipts:	
Blue Cross refunds	973.05
Social Security refunds	582.59
Surplus Commodities, from Towns	1,325.51
State of New Hampshire, office rent	260.00
Court orders voided	39.70
Delegation Meeting (Public Service Co.)	78.40
Retirement refund	48.78
Refunds from Recreation Area:	
Deductions, insurance etc.	7,807.82
Flood Control payments	144.75
Total Receipts:	$364,719.69

*Town of Gilmanton, overpaid 1c

PAYMENTS

Paid on Commissioners' Orders	$239,399.61
Paid on Temporary Loans	85,000.00
Funding Bonds paid	7,000.00
Paid by Order of the Court:	
Jury Payrolls	3,499.02
State vs — Payrolls	1,834.94
Counsel Fees	1,448.23
Stenographer etc.	3,254.22
Clerk of Court	10,210.19

Sheriff	8,105.47
Total Payments	$359,751.68
Cash on hand December 31, 1957	4,968.01
Total:	$364,719.69

Respectfully submitted,

BYRON O. PARKER,
Treasurer

RECREATION AREA OPERATION
1957

Receipts:	
Tows	$44,655.77
Restaurant	32,955.62
Dance Hall	
Gift Shop	14,286.63
Ski Shop	22,721.39
Rentals	1,380.00
Special Events	5,566.08
Miscellaneous	2,672.64
Totals:	$124,238.13
Payments:	
Tows	$9,134.48
Restaurant	24,250.52
Dance Hall	
Gift Shop	12,065.89
General Operating Expense	4,145.80
General Maint. Expense	20,510.98
Construction & Repairs	11,549.29
Office Expense	2,606.49
Salary, Manager	7,313.03
Expense, Manager	1,186.01
Special Events	2,505.56
Advertising	6,538.82
Equipment	1,686.83
Ski Shop	23,457.69
Ins. & Taxes	6,213.72
Principal & Interest	5,843.75
Audit	235.23
Totals:	$139,244.09
Receipts	$124,238.13
Payments	139,244.09
Operating Profit	—$15,005.96
Balance 1-1-57	$9,555.19
Transfer 12-31-57	$5,959.27
Bank Balance	$508.50

BYRON O. PARKER,
Treasurer

BELKNAP COUNTY
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AS OF JANUARY 1, 1958

Name of Bank	Rate	Balance 1957	Deposits		Interest		Withdrawals		1958 Balance
Iona Savings Bank	2½%	$2,710.93			6-1-57	$40.65			
					12-1-57	44.70			$2,796.28
Laconia Savings Bank	3½%	3,409.20			7-1-57	55.40			
					1-1-58	60.62			3,525.22
City Savings Bank	3¼%	13,976.56	11-6-57	$700.00†	7-1-57	209.64	9-12-57	$4,700.00*	
					1-1-58	154.15			10,340.35
TOTAL IN BANKS									$16,661.85

*Capital Improvements County Home
†Sale of Lot by County Commissioners

BELKNAP COUNTY
RECREATIONAL AREA REVOLVING FUND, JANUARY 1, 1958

City Savings Bank	3¼%	12,521.90			7-1-57	187.82			
					1-1-58	206.52			$12,916.24

BYRON O. PARKER,
Treasurer

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1957

BELKNAP COUNTY

Please fill out this report, sign, and return to the *Division of Municipal Accounting, State Tax Commission, Concord, New Hampshire,* after audit is completed.

COUNTY TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand — January 1, 1957	$8,903.33	
Receipts — Year Ending Dec. 31, 1957	355,816.36	
	$364,719.69	
Payments — Year Ending Dec. 31, 1957	$359,751.68	
Balance — Dec. 31, 1957 — As Per Cash Book		$4,968.01
Balance in **Laconia National** Bank as Per Statement of **Dec. 31, 1957**	$12,397.95	
Less: Outstanding Orders	7,429.94	
Reconciled Bank Balance — As of Dec. 31, 1957		$4,968.01

COUNTY FARM SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT

Total Amount of Receipts from Institution — Year Ending December 31, 1957	$95,942.25
Total Remittances to County Treasurer — Year Ending December 31, 1957	95,942.25
Superintendent's Balance on Hand — January 1, 1957	200.00
Superintendent's Balance on Hand — December 31, 1957	200.00

INDEBTEDNESS — DECEMBER 31, 1957

Outstanding Temporary Loans Recreational Area Bills	$6,000.00
Outstanding Long Term Notes	35,000.00
Outstanding Bonds	None
Bills Owed by County	None

COUNTY TAXES UNCOLLECTED — DECEMBER 31, 1957

County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities	None

Signed DANA S. BEANE,
ROBERT G. HOLBROOK,
County Auditors

January 22, 1958

BELKNAP COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT

Belknap County Area Report — Year Ending Dec. 31, 1957

Cash Receipts on Hand January 1, 1957		$9,555.19
Cash Receipts — Area, Year Ending Dec. 31, 1957		124,238.13
Cash Receipts — Loan to Balance Area Account for Year 1957		5,959.27
Total		$139,752.59
Payments — Area, Year Ending Dec. 31, 1957	$139,244.09	
Balance on Hand — January 1, 1958	508.50	
Transferred to Capital Reserve (Area Account)	None	
Cash Receipts on Hand, Balance		$508.50

Balance in Laconia National Bank as per Statement	$9,347.27
Less Outstanding Checks	8,838.77
Reconciled Bank Balance as of Dec. 31, 1957	$508.50
Total Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1957	$508.50

AREA MANAGER'S ACCOUNT

Total Receipts from Area, Year Ending Dec. 31, 1957	$130,197.40
Total Remittances to County Treasurer	$130,197.40

Signed DANA S. BEANE,
ROBERT G. HOLBROOK,
County Auditors

January 22, 1958

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

Each year the time comes to submit an annual report of activities of the Belknap County Home and Infirmary for the year past. It possibly sounds repetitious that our work seems to grow and grow until the year's end finds us bursting out all over so to speak. This year past has been of full capacity for our Infirmary, each and every day all categories of Welfare have averaged 97.8 of our patients, the balance self sustained persons. The Infirmary has been at full capacity with a long waiting list for admittance 49.7 patient days of service rendered. The financial report of the Infirmary has surpassed all previous estimates or records, the major portion of finances, as usual, received from cases serviced by the Department of Public Welfare.

The usual farming operation has been carried on, fruit and vegetables have been processed to meet the needs of the ever increasing Infirmary population.

Much needed new equipment has been added to the Infirmary to expedite the care of severe cases admitted. The interest indicated and the many thoughtful gestures extended to the aged persons at the Infirmary has been most gratifying.

Without the help and deep interest of our County Home organization who have carried out so efficiently their respective duties for the past year we would be unable to make this report. We extend to them our grateful appreciation.

Our deep gratitude to each and every one who have graciously given gifts of all sorts to our patients, programs rendered, flowers and favors and numerous other gifts.

To our County Commissioners our thanks for their help and guidance. The helpful cooperation of our Police, both State and Local, the Sheriff's Department and Town Officials we are grateful.

Our Chaplains Father George Chicoine and Rev. Thomas Cate who give of their untiring spiritual solace to our patients and those who come to us under other circumstances.

The excellent service rendered by our Doctors for which we are deeply grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. PICKARD, Superintendent
INA A. PICKARD, Matron

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COUNTY HOME RECEIPTS — 1957

Date	Board	Produce	Swine	Milk	Cattle	Misc.	Total
January	$6,212.10			$785.86	$233.00	$2.60	$7,233.56
February	6,447.40	$133.00		325.71	5.00	2.60	6,913.71
March	6,447.57			590.15		5.20	7,042.92
April	7,013.17	184.00	$15.50	431.06	11.00	5.70	7,660.43
May	7,269.29	115.00	521.70	527.18	15.20	11.02	8,459.39
June	6,531.22	186.85	180.00	691.58	460.00	6.35	8,056.00
July	9,123.37	10.00	64.00	1,333.97	216.20	295.40	11,042.94
August	6,618.56	89.97		1,066.19	335.00	52.45	8,162.17
September	6,520.05			576.48		35.75	7,132.28
October	6,602.50			980.75	82.00	5.20	7,670.45
November	6,984.79	200.33		1,129.64	579.00	16.87	8,910.63
December	6,734.01	1.30		675.46		247.00	7,657.77
Total:	$82,504.03	$920.45	$781.20	$9,114.03	$1,936.40	$686.14	$95,942.25

COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES
JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION

Date	Labor	Repairs	Other Expense	Total
January	$179.16			$179.16
February	111.81			111.81
March	60.00	$296.57		356.57
April	60.00			60.00
May	60.00			60.00
June	60.00			60.00
July	60.00			60.00
August	60.00			60.00
September	60.00	76.66	$245.00	381.66
October	60.00	4.00		64.00
November	166.30			166.30
December	202.90			202.90
Total:	$1,140.17	$377.23	$245.00	$1,762.40

FARMING

Date	Labor	Seed and Fertilizer	Supplies	Equipment	Other Expense	Total
January	$310.00		$122.02		$64.85	$496.87
February	371.60	$294.00	129.76		39.81	835.17
March	337.60	309.85	233.16		40.50	921.11
April	379.73		156.04		82.50	618.27
May	371.70	73.58	250.78	$20.00	74.50	790.56
June	352.84	37.53	144.93		41.40	576.70
July	438.49	36.50	86.81		130.08	691.88
August	361.62	450.62	197.88		134.15	1,144.27
September	366.96	107.55	200.94		296.86	972.31
October	395.09		171.00	48.00	22.20	636.29
November	328.96		301.77		116.50	747.23
December	410.18		161.25		48.20	619.63
Total	$4,424.77	$1,309.63	$2,156.34	$68.00	$1,091.55	$9,050.29

DAIRY

Date	Labor	Feed	Supplies	Other Expense	Total
January	$114.18	$394.96	$5.68	$8.28	$523.10
February	116.18	402.97	7.97	66.64	593.76
March	116.18	455.20	24.60	54.63	650.61
April	151.98	390.74	40.83	48.67	632.22
May	145.50	422.40	9.04	154.85	731.79
June	145.50	210.94	3.76	38.13	398.33
July	159.00	153.29		50.32	362.61
August	221.75			6.21	227.96
September	149.00	611.68	37.44	155.77	953.89
October	161.25	436.07	12.59	48.90	658.81
November	145.50	298.81	14.17	77.39	535.87
December	140.61	436.58			577.19
Total	$1,766.43	$4,213.64	$156.08	$709.79	$6,846.14

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Date	*Labor*	*Provisions*	*Clothing*	*Supplies*	*Health*	*Additions and Repairs*	*Fuel, Light, Water, Power*	*Fixed Charges*	*Other Expense*	*Total*
January	$3,480.14	$940.75	$81.41	$790.53	$237.48	$566.51	$936.70	$27.41	$192.27	$7,253.20
February	3,892.95	719.26	82.39	894.32	384.28	232.87	947.35	1,391.42	169.38	8,714.22
March	4,164.51	1,533.83	59.76	976.57	399.57	17.47	197.04	495.80	82.80	7,927.35
April	4,444.48	1,101.48	66.36	916.14	261.93	100.26	1,647.84	141.69	88.93	9,095.61
May	4,288.11	1,524.22	70.88	977.38	360.76	246.79	2,087.82	93.91	65.02	9,902.94
June	4,287.22	1,134.61	49.93	612.19	340.95	180.17	220.53	70.75	90.92	6,987.27
July	4,703.94	889.62	117.00	648.57	305.22	93.10	378.61		80.82	7,216.88
August	4,224.82	1,448.53	85.56	813.13	470.53	124.08	475.60		75.94	7,718.19
September	4,336.76	1,264.48	30.94	729.96	403.94	59.60	295.86	125.24	79.82	7,326.60
October	4,879.10	1,551.69	101.17	804.66	503.85		1,554.72		99.28	9,494.47
November	4,571.10	1,581.32	31.10	362.95	296.15	16.10	1,545.93		70.02	8,474.67
December	4,769.85	992.75	20.65	895.26	355.86	337.83	557.54	5,995.84	98.17	14,023.75
Total	$52,042.98	$14,682.54	$797.15	$9,421.66	$4,320.52	$1,974.78	$10,845.54	$8,342.06	$1,193.37	$103,620.60

COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES

SUMMARY

Date	Jail & House of Correction	Farming	Dairy	Operation & Maintenance	Total
January	$179.16	$496.87	$523.10	$7,253.20	$8,452.33
February	111.81	835.17	593.76	8,714.22	10,254.96
March	356.57	921.11	650.61	7,927.35	9,855.64
April	60.00	618.27	632.22	9,095.61	10,079.60
May	60.00	790.56	731.79	9,902.94	11,297.24
June	60.00	576.70	398.33	6,987.27	8,022.30
July	60.00	691.88	362.61	7,216.88	8,331.37
August	60.00	1,144.27	227.96	7,718.19	9,150.42
September	381.66	972.31	953.89	7,326.60	9,634.46
October	64.00	636.29	658.81	9,494.47	10,853.57
November	166.30	747.23	535.87	8,474.67	9,924.07
December	202.90	619.63	577.19	14,023.75	15,423.47
Total	$1,762.40	$9,050.29	$6,846.14	$103,620.60	$121,279.43

INVENTORY — 1957

PERSONAL PROPERTY BELKNAP COUNTY HOME

Livestock	$19,560.00
House of Correction	575.00
Jail Equipment	1,200.00
County Infirmary:	
Medical Supplies	1,900.00
Equipment	10,000.00
Women's Dormitories	3,200.00
Men's Dormitories	3,200.00
Two Kitchens (Equipment & Supplies)	11,775.00
Supt. Dept. Stock & New Clothing	3,600.00
Contents of Freezer Locker (County Home)	5,010.00
Basement & Contents	3,975.00
Farm Equip. (Machinery & Trucks)	9,300.00
Hay, Ensilage & Grain etc.	8,250.00
Boiler Room & Contents	4,495.00
Coal on Hand	1,500.00
Sawed Wood on Hand	500.00
Potatoes	1,600.00
Lumber	300.00
Vegetables	1,700.00
	$91,640.00

LIVE STOCK AT FARM — 1957

28 Cows	$6,500.00
11 Two Year Olds	2,860.00
7 Yearlings	1,050.00
3 Calves	360.00
1 Grade Cow	175.00
4 Horses	600.00
7 Brood Sows	700.00
1 Boar	75.00
	$12,320.00

STATISTICS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME

January 1 to December 31, 1957

Inmates at Home January 1, 1957	62
Admitted during year	53
	115
Inmates at Home December 31, 1957	70
Died during year	23
Discharged during year	22
	115

	Weeks	Days
Inmates	509	6
Boarders	2983	2
Prisoners in House of Correction	782	4
Prisoners in Jail	135	4
Held for Police overnight	15	6
Employees and visitors	3150	

BELKNAP COUNTY HOME CROP REPORT

1957

Apples	800	Boxes
Beans	45	Bu.
Beets	65	Bu.
Carrots	66	Bu.
Corn	91	Bu.
Cabbage	879	Head
Greens	78	Bu.
Onions	47	Bu.
Peas	55	Bu.
Potatoes	1390	Bu.
Tomatoes (Green and Ripe)	162	Bu.
Turnips	103	Bu.
Hay	210	Tons
Ensilage	200	Tons
Beef Dressed	1800	Lbs.
Cream Used at Home	950	Qts.
Milk Used at Home	11840	Qts.
Rhubarb	34	Boxes
Wood Used at Home	100	Cords
Wood Sawed and Piled	160	Cords

PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION — 1957

Name	Age	Weeks	Days
Anderson, Laura	39	2	1
Anderson, Walter	52	21	6
Ayotte, Milton	21	5	3
Baker, Wallace	35	47	1
Barton, Irvin	33	7	5
Barrett, Chester	30	7	4
Beaule, Francis	26	34	5
Begin, Albert	23	3	6
Bellerive, Arthur	32		2
Bowley, Roland	28		3
Brouillard, Francis	22	11	4
Brown, Percy	64	16	
Brunnelle, Ralph	19	11	4
Bruno, Asa	20	11	4
Bruno, Nelso	21	21	5
Burke, Phillip	21	3	4
Byson, Jon	21	16	1
Cartier, Rudolph	24		6
Chamberlain, Charles	29	17	4
Conray, Christopher	52	17	6
Cragin, Patrick	35	29	4
Derby, Harold	25		2
Dolan, John	34	7	5
Dupont, Roland	33	5	1
Duval, Joseph	21	23	1
Duval, Roland	23	5	3
Elliott, Charles	36	13	
Ferry, Ernest	51	7	5
Goupil, Phillias	35	8	1
Grady, Ernest	52	3	6
Hanks, Joseph	49	11	4
Healey, Harold	56	3	6
Hill, Forrest	65	1	5
Hinche, Francis	22	12	6
Horn, Kenneth	25	3	1
Huckins, Lewis	24	52	1
Kelley, Floyd	29	3	6
Knapp, Herbert	43	7	5
LaRose, Donald	33	3	6
Masse, Roger	21	52	1
McCabe, James	39	3	6
McClary, Horace	36	22	

Name	Age	Weeks	Days
McPherson, Arnold	26	10	1
Morin, Albert	23	5	
Morin, Leo	22	7	4
Parriss, Joseph	22	3	6
Peavey, Earl	22	3	
Pepin, Wilfred	42	3	6
Plummer, Robert	19	7	5
Pratte, Leo	45	18	1
Roberts, Osborne	20	10	1
Rogers, John	37	11	4
Smith, Clifton	37	18	1
Stewart, Charles	55	7	5
Storey, Henry	36	4	6
Vallier, Lional	25	19	5
Varly, Joseph	59	3	6
Watson, John	21	37	3
Weeks, David	24	40	2
Williamson, James	21	11	4
Wortman, Bernard	56	7	4
Wylie, Clarence	21	6	2
Young, David	36	3	6
Young, Stanley	17	8	

DEATHS AT BELKNAP COUNTY INFIRMARY DURING 1957

Name	Date	Age
Ackerman, Clark	July 27, 1957	92
Blanchard, Jeanette	October 27, 1957	87
Bump, Leonie	August 27, 1957	79
Burris, Charles	October 19, 1957	68
Daigneault, Alida	September 23, 1957	74
Damon, Sheldon	March 11, 1957	51
Garneau, Wilfred	January 4, 1957	53
Hanlon, Henry	July 28, 1957	79
Higgins, Milo	December 22, 1957	85
Jones, Lillian	October 24, 1957	83
Maher, Mary	October 18, 1957	82
McColl, Lydia	March 8, 1957	80
Meyer, Josephine	June 9, 1957	72
Olmstead, Clara	January 29, 1957	80
O'Loughlin, Thomas	September 2, 1957	85
Papienuck, Joseph	August 27, 1957	70
Parent, Frank	March 23, 1957	70

Name	Date	Age
Puffinburger, Henry	January 25, 1957	97
Ramsdell, Fannie	January 14, 1957	87
Reeves, Esther	July 10, 1957	89
Sargent, Harris	November 1, 1957	
Stevens, Lillian	April 23, 1957	87
Weymouth, Fred	May 1, 1957	87

INMATES AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME 1957

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Ackerson, Rodney	77	Meredith	52	1
Baker, George B.	56	Gilford	10	3
Bedard, Ferdinand	43	Lakeport	43	5
Brown, Willie	52	Tilton	6	3
Clark, Irlene	42	Meredith	52	1
Currier, James L.	47	Laconia	52	1
Dore, Albert	56	Laconia	52	1
Faford, Joe	70	Laconia	52	1
Johnson, Mabel	66	Meredith	52	1
Newman, Harriett	58	Laconia	50	
Teriac, Camile	66	Tilton	52	1
Weeks, Gloria	22	Laconia	2	2
Young, Stanley	16	Laconia	16	

PRIVATE PATIENTS AND O.A.A. INCLUDED AT BELKNAP COUNTY INFIRMARY — 1957

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Ackerman, Clark	92	Ashland		2
Aldrich, Ernest W.	82	Laconia	42	6
Anthony, Stephen	54	Alton		1
Atwood, William	88	Lakeport	52	1
Bacon, Henry	78	Laconia	52	1
Batchelder, Clyde	68	Gilford	50	4
Bell, Clyde W.	91	Laconia	47	1
Blanchard, Janette	87	Laconia	15	4
Bouchard, Yvonne	49	Laconia	16	2
Boyd, Florence	81	Alton	52	1
Breer, James	76	Laconia	52	1
Brown, George	64	Tilton	52	1
Brown, Katherine	71	Laconia		1
Bump, Leonie	79	Campton, N. H.	34	1
Burris, Charles	69	Laconia	41	6
Caron, Zelia	87	Laconia	52	1
Chesley, Charles	83	Alton	52	1
Cogswell, Charles	85	Lochmere	8	5
Collard, Peter	86	Meredith	52	1
Cote, Rosa	83	Laconia	26	2
Daigneault, Alida	74	Tilton	33	6
Damon, Sheldon	52	Laconia	8	3
Darling, Mabel	78	Laconia	1	5
Darling, Richard	79	Laconia	1	
Davie, Eva	62	Tilton	52	1
Dickson, Alexander	61	Laconia	8	2
Dixon, Mabelle	84	Laconia	56	1
Driscoll, James	78	Tilton	17	4
Drouin, George	87	Laconia	52	1
Durkee, Ralph	78	Laconia	1	5
Elliott, Minnie	55	Alton	52	1
Evans, James	83	Laconia	52	1
Gagnon, Joseph	72	Laconia	52	1
Garneau, Wilfred	53	Laconia		4
George, James	82	Tilton	52	1
Goldsmith, Florence	88	Lakeport	1	
Gove, Helen	67	Belmont	1	
Greene, George	85	Gilmanton	9	3
Griffin, Etta	80	Laconia	35	6
Guy, Walter	70	Gilmanton	52	1
Hall, Julia	86	Gilmanton	4	1
Hammond, Jennie	86	Laconia	13	6
Hanlon, Henry	79	West Thornton	29	6

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Hardy, Bernard	76	Lakeport	52	1
Hayford, Ethel	75	Laconia	12	4
Herbert, Leroy	63	Laconia	52	1
Hersey, Mina	84	Sanbornton	9	3
Higgins, Milo	85	Sanbornton	50	6
Jacques, Charles	76	Laconia	52	1
Jacques, Daisy	73	Laconia	52	1
Johnson, Bernice	79	Gilford	18	
Jones, Lillian	83	Belmont	24	
Kellogg, Ruth	71	Laconia	52	1
Kirk, Frank	74	Laconia	52	1
Lacasse, Marie	81	Laconia	15	5
Lacroix, John	75	Laconia	17	
Lamphrey, Ernest	71	Laconia	52	1
Landry, Alcide	79	Laconia	52	1
Lombard, Emma	83	Meredith	52	1
Maher, Mary	82	Laconia	38	1
Marden, Richard	84	Meredith	52	1
Maxfield, Charles	70	Pittsfield	26	1
McColl, Archibald	78	Laconia	10	2
McColl, Lydia	80	Laconia	9	4
McIntire, Lillian	85	Laconia	52	1
Meyer, Josephine	72	Laconia	3	1
Millette, Albie	62	Lakeport	4	6
Nothrop, Clara	66	Tilton		1
Olmstead, Clara	80	Thetford, Vt.	4	1
O'Loughlin, Thomas	85	Laconia	3	2
O'Loughlin, Vina	83	Laconia	20	3
Papienuck, Joseph	70	Laconia	2	2
Parent, Frank	70	Belmont	11	6
Park, Florence	56	Laconia	2	
Perkins, Theodore	54	Meredith	52	1
Pollard, Emie	78	Lakeport	52	1
Powell, Alice	83	Laconia	52	1
Puffinburger, Henry	97	Laconia	3	4
Ramsdell, Fannie	87	Is. Pond, Vt.	2	
Reed, Ora	93	Laconia	52	1
Reeves, Esther	89	Laconia	4	4
Rice, Albert	78	Laconia	3	4
Rickert, Mary	75	Laconia	47	4
St. Peter, Ada	64	Laconia	52	1
Sanborn, Myrtie	86	Laconia	52	1
Sargent, Harris	83	Laconia	12	1
Shaw, Earl	61	Meredith	52	1
Simpson, Emma	81	Laconia	52	1
Smith, Harvey	74	Weirs	52	1

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Smith, Louisa	89	Laconia	10	6
Stevens, Lillian	87	Laconia	16	1
Stevens, Ralph	70	Laconia	52	1
Thompson, Karl	64	Laconia	16	
Vallee, Arthur	84	Laconia	2	1
Wadleigh, Dorothy	72	Laconia	44	5
Wells, John	76	Laconia		5
Weymouth, Fred	87	Laconia	13	4
Wilson, Dorothy	46	Laconia		2
Woodward, Ida	90	Laconia	52	1
Worthington, Sadie	70	Laconia	52	1
Young, Carrie	90	Laconia	52	1

PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY JAIL — 1957

Name	Age	Weeks	Days
Amero, Harold	35	5	2
Baker, David	16	1	
Burnett, Henry	32	4	2
Boucher, Burnham	22		4
Chase, Arthur	25	17	4
Chase, David	22		2
Clark, Francis	54	2	2
Dixey, Arthur	15		4
Dow, Richard	20	22	6
Downs, Bernard	44	17	4
Dufault, Wilfred	23	10	4
Elliott, Charles	36	8	1
Frinch, Roland	18	6	2
Gilman, Raymond	19	6	2
Hinchee, Francis	22		6
Holbrook, Benjamin	18	6	2
Houle, Lewis	21		2
Krajewaki, Theodore	20		4
Linberg, Roy	27		1
Mullins, Ernest	26	7	
Plummer, Robert	19		1
Smith, Laurence	24	10	
White, Robert	26	6	5

BELKNAP RECREATION AREA REPORT FOR 1957

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

It is gratifying to report to the Belknap County taxpayers that the year ending December 31, 1957 showed the second largest income in its history of $124,238.13. From the income, we purchased for resale and increased our inventory over $13,000.00. In spite of a slow Winter and a low income in the month of February the added Summer business greatly increases.

$6,000.00 was allocated in the budget for asphalt resurfacing of the "S" turn coming in to the Area building and also adding to the new road coming in from the Arlberg entrance towards the Winnipesaukee building. It is the hope of the management that additional work can be carried on yearly until the whole parking lot in front of the Recreation building can be resurfaced.

The annual events such as the National Championship Motorcycle road race and rally, the Arts and Crafts show, the Antique, and the Sport Car events are getting larger every year. Harvard College played hosts to nine other colleges this season for their Sport Car events. The N. H. Sports Car Association held two events during 1957. The motorcycle Rally was a five day event and brought hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Lakes Region. Their slogan "Make a Date for '58" has been advertised around the World and Laconia is now known internationally as the outstanding motorcycle Spot for Sports.

The interest in the Area by members of the Ski Advisory Board and their advice is valuable to management. This season a NEW ski school hill was developed which will keep the classes off the Phelps Slope and the ski school is growing larger every season.

The Ski Patrol, headed by Keith Twitchell this year, is doing a wonderful job in safety and many letters have been received praising this organization.

To the Citizen, Earl Anderson of the Union, W.L.N.H. and many others who have helped us with publicity, we are grateful.

We know that Belknap has now taken its place again as a Major Ski Area, and we should be thinking of another up-hill ski lift, more parking space and more trails. Some of our equipment which is now eight years old will have to be replaced to help us keep up our reputation of being ready for skiers after any snowfall. More camping facilities are desired and it is the

hope of management that a larger children's playground will soon be available at Belknap.

Our thanks to the County Commissioners, the County Delegation and members of the Belknap Staff for their support and guidance in our many problems at the Belknap Mountain Recreation Area.

FRITZIE BAER,
Director

CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

I herewith submit my report of the Receipts and Disbursements of this office for the period of January 1, 1957, to December 31, 1957.

Charges Against County

1. FEES:			
Mittimus, Capias, etc.	$2.00		
State Entries	80.00		
Probation Certificates	None		
Divorce Cards	8.70		
Total Fees		$90.70	
2. Extending Permanent Records		None	
3. Miscellaneous Cash Disbursements		186.06	
4. Allowance for Clerk & Clerical Hire		8,974.90	
Total Charges			$9,251.66

Credits to County

1. Entries		
Equity & Civil Entries and appeals	$433.80	
2. Fines & Costs	218.00	
3. Miscellaneous Credits to County	1,944.66	
4. Fees Chargeable to County	90.70	
5. Allowance for Permanent Records	None	
6. Allowance for Clerk & Clerical Hire	6,564.50	
Total Credits		$9,251.66

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT P. TILTON

COUNTY SOLICITOR'S REPORT

January 1, 1958

Belknap County Commissioners
Belknap County Court House
Laconia, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

I hereby tender report for the year 1957.

Cases Pending against the County

Civil

All cases under this category involve the accident at the Belknap Ski Area. Comment at this time is inappropriate in view of current litigation.

Cases Pending in Superior Court

Criminal

Other than appeals from Municipal Court which involve mostly traffic cases. The case which will be tried is, *State* v. *Amero* — breaking and entering, Alton, N. H.

In addition to the above, several cases will be presented to the Grand Jury in March which may result in further criminal trials next term in Superior Court.

Cases Pending Supreme Court

State v. *Gallagher*. Reserved case will be submitted.

Comments and Notes on 1957

One significant development was the formation of the Belknap County Law Enforcement Association which meets monthly and which should prove a valuable asset towards insuring cooperation between all law enforcement officers of the County in the efficient enforcement of the law.

I have found all law enforcement officers in the County most cooperative, friendly and helpful. It is my opinion also, that we are fortunate in having a very fine group of men as judges in our Municipal Courts throughout the County.

Finally, I wish to thank you Gentlemen for your energetic cooperation whenever I have requested information or assistance of any kind.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. O'NEILL,
County Solicitor

SHERIFF'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Belknap County:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1957.

MARCH TERM

Rodney Crockett 45 days attendance	$450.00
Lou Athanas 19 days attendance and expenses	193.60
Perley Beach 14 days attendance and expenses	184.80
Sylvio J. Morin 18 days attendance and expenses	203.80
Rev. Lewis Moulton	5.00
Laconia Tavern, Meals for Jurors	25.00

OCTOBER TERM

Rodney Crockett 62 days attendance	$930.00
Donald C. Alden 15 days attendance and expenses	295.00
Lou Athanas 13 days attendance and expenses	200.20
Perley Beach 18 days attendance and expenses	325.00
Chester C. Bickford 14 days attendance and expenses	250.60
Herbert W. Howe 13 days attendance and expenses	231.00
Sylvio J. Morin 1 day attendance and expenses	16.40
Rev. O. Elefant	10.00
Laconia Tavern, Meals for Jurors	130.40

Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY CROCKETT,
Sheriff

REPORT OF CHAPLAINS

REPORT OF PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN — 1957

To Belknap County Commissioners:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1957.

The work of the Protestant Chaplain varies little from year to year.

There has been frequent and continued visitation to wards and rooms for counsel, comfort and spiritual help. Some contacts have been made with those in the jail and in the House of Correction. Visits have been made to the Laconia Hospital. There has been attendance at funerals.

A monthly religious meeting has been held. At some services special music has been rendered. At Christmas time a church choir brought carols and an anthem. This has enriched these services and given added enjoyment and inspiration.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickard and Mrs. Hayner and the various members of the staff have been sympathetic and cooperative. Their kind and efficient service at the Home has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. CATE,
Protestant Chaplain

REPORT OF CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN — 1957

February 25, 1958

Belknap County Commissioners
Laconia, N. H.

Gentlemen:

The priests of the Sacred Heart Church of Laconia are pleased to submit their report concerning their work as Catholic Chaplains at the Belknap County Home and Jail for the year ending December 31, 1957.

As agreed upon, mass is celebrated at the Home once a month. Confessions and communion are administered at the same time to all those who wish to avail themselves of the privilege whether they are able to come to the room where mass is celebrated or whether they are confined to their rooms. At all religious services a spiritual talk is given to all persons present. The old and sick are given the consoling sacrament of Extreme Unction.

We have donated rosaries, medals and prayer books to those who had none.

When patients are moved to the Laconia Hospital for a while we visit them there also. We make other visits to the Home as often as needed during the month to insure that all receive the spiritual guidance, comfort and care they desire.

We wish to add that it is always a pleasure to work with Superintendent John Pickard and with his wife Matron Ina Pickard. We sincerely appreciate Mrs. Helen Hayner for her loyal and complete cooperation in helping us make our work easier. It is indeed a pleasure to work with such wonderful social workers.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE CHICOINE,
Catholic Chaplain

BELKNAP COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT

Each year the Belknap County Legislative Delegation appropriates a sum of money which, with state and federal funds administered through the University of New Hampshire, supports the work of the Belknap County Cooperative Extension Service.

This off-campus-teaching-arm of the University includes the fields of Agriculture, Forestry, Home Economics, and Youth.

Change of Local Sponsorship

For many years the Farm Bureau Executive Board served as local sponsor and guiding light of Extension Service work in the county. For this work of the Farm Bureau the people of the county are most appreciative.

Following new policies recommended by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the County Delegation and the University have established new sponsorship by a council of thirteen members known as "The Belknap County Extension Service Council." This Council will sponsor, promote, and guide the work of the County Extension Service hereinforth.

Council membership for the first year, December 1, 1957 through 1958 is as follows:

Three year members		**1958 Office**
Mrs. Robert Benoit	Ctr. Harbor	Finance Committee Mem.
John Eckels	Laconia	Sec. of Finance Committee
Byron Galloupe	Belmont	Treasurer and Chm. of Finance Committee
Malcolm Harrington	Laconia	Chairman
Two year members:		
Mrs. Walter Gardner	Gilford	Secretary
Marshall Hodsdon	Meredith	
Leslie Roberts	Belmont	Vice Chairman
Lyle Watson	Belmont	
One Year Members		**1958 Office**
James Dodge Jr.	Sanbornton	Vice Chm. of Finance Com.
Mrs. Harvey Merrill	Barnstead	
Royal Smith	Belmont	
Robert Talbot	Belmont	

County Delegation Member

William T. Robertson	Gilmanton	Finance Committee Mem.

Operating under such broad representation from throughout the County, and with the cooperation of all, the work of the

Extension Service should continue to serve well the people of the county.

Dedicated to the principle of "helping people help themselves," following are brief reports from each line of work:

Agriculture

Dairy herd management including — good milking practices, feeding, breeding, raising replacements, culling, barn construction, machinery and equipment, DHIA, and Milk Flavor Improvement.

Production of crops including soil testing, fertilization recommendations, harvesting and management including the Green Pasture Program and the Potato growing program.

Poultry management and several county wide meetings, plus individual farm visits.

Fruit production, handling and marketing including a series of several evening and twilight farm meetings. This phase included the Blueberry industry.

Business Management on many types of farms including farm and home business counseling, farm records and accounts, income and social security taxes, changes in size of businesses, etc.

Some work with *NON-FARM PEOPLE* included soil testing of old and new lawns and home gardens soils, fertilizer recommendations, landscaping, insect and pest problems, operation of the International Farm Youth Exchange Schedules, Farm-City Week work, Hungarian Refugee Program work, work on retention of Vocational Agriculture at Laconia High School.

Work with a Food Retailer Committee and sponsorship of a merchandizing meeting which was held at the First National Store in Laconia.

305 Farm visits — 389 office visitors — 754 incoming phone calls — 60 radio talks — 78 meetings with an attendance of 5706.

Home Economics

During the year from December 1, 1956 to November 30, 1957 in Home Demonstration work in Belknap County some statistical facts are here noted:

71 home visits, 161 office visitors, 620 telephone calls, 58 radio talks, 1856 bulletins distributed (besides over 3,000 taken at Plymouth Fair), 43 circular letters (24,866 copies went to families), 108 demonstration meetings were held with 2211 in attendance.

Many women of the county (composed of ten towns and the city) were reached either by meetings or circular letters.

Meetings in nutrition were on the subject of Eat Well to Work Well. In cooperation with N. H. Heart Association a series of meetings on Weight Control was held with excellent results. 83 people attended all meetings with an average weight loss of 5.6 pounds.

To emphasize better light for better sight and to make something beautiful out of unsightly old shades, the project of lamp shade making was taught. This project used pressed grasses or flowers put between fiber glass and plastic. Over 100 shades had been made by December 1. This project also fitted into our Interior Decoration work on Color, Line, and Design.

Upholstering with a saving of over $500 was done at a six day Workshop. Chair Re-seating and Rug Braiding were also taught.

Suggestions for improving home kitchens and church kitchens also were given. Business Facts for Busy Homemakers was the subject of a project in Home Management with the result that many women reported making a will and investigating their property deeds. Some reported changes in insurance on property.

In Clothing work subjects as New Fabrics and Their Care, Tailoring, Making rs. Buying, Making Men's Wool Shirts, and Good Grooming were all taught with some excellent results.

A Fit and Fashion Workshop was held with 28 of our county women attending.

In cooperation with the agricultural agent, meetings were held with Retailers in the county to present the consumer's side of the picture in the problems that retailers have in the Food Marketing area.

4-H Club Work

The 4-H Clubs are organized groups of young people who are engaged in farming, homemaking, or community activities under the guidance of the Belknap County 4-H Club Agent and Local Volunteer 4-H Leaders.

Any boy or girl between the ages of 9 and 21 years who agrees to "Learn to do by Doing" may enroll. The group elects its own officers, plans and conducts programs based on the needs and interests of the young people, holds regular meetings, and takes part in community activities.

The distinctive educational objectives in 4-H Club work are:

HEAD — To help boys and girls learn to love nature and the things around them. To help them learn about new developments and how they can use them in the home and on the farm. To help them to want to continue to learn new and better ways of doing things.

HEART — To help boys and girls learn to work with other boys and girls and adults. To help them develop ideals and standards for farming, homemaking, community life, and citizenship, and to learn how to help carry them out.

HANDS — To give the boys and girls information about farming and homemaking. To give them a chance to "learn by doing" through carrying a 4-H project.

HEALTH — To help boys and girls learn what they can do to develop habits of good health. To help them learn how to use their free time.

More than 75 Local Volunteer 4-H Leaders directed the activities and taught project work to more than 475 4-H members in Belknap County. The 4-H boys and girls were members of 31 different 4-H clubs in each town and city in the county. In addition to the individual 4-H project work, the 4-H members participated in county, state, and regional activities, such as exhibits at fairs, county 4-H camp, leader training meetings, educational tours, etc.

Each 4-H member strives to better himself, and his community, country, and world, by learning and living the ideals taught through 4-H Club work, and following the 4-H Club motto, "To Make the Best Better."

Forestry

There are approximately 207,900 acres of forest lands in Belknap County; this comprises 81% of the total land area. A breakdown of private woodland ownership shows that 40% is classified under farm ownership and 60% non-farm.

Recent surveys show that many woodlands are supporting immature forest stands composed of inferior specimens of desirable softwood trees and hardwood trees and mature stands of hardwoods of such low quality that they have little commercial value other than for wood fibre products.

The principal goals of the County Forestry program are to assist private woodland owners in the area in carrying out good forestry practices so that in the future each acre of woodland may yield a continuous crop of high quality timber which is best suited to the land and to the local markets; and to correlate the annual timber drain by the local woodusing industries with the annual growth of timber on our forest lands.

In Belknap County we have been trying to reach the above goals through a forest education program. This program includes personal contacts with woodland owners, timber operators and consulting foresters. In the case of woodland owners they are shown where and how they may carry on selective cutting, weed-

ing, and thinning, and tree planting operations. So far, this assistance has been strictly on a request-by-the-landowner basis.

Probably one of the most effective educational methods of acquainting landowners with forestry problems and how to solve them has been the Annual Statewide Forestry Field Days held at the Belknap Mountains Recreational Area in Gilford. The Extension Service in cooperation with the County Commissioners and other state and private organizations put on the second annual Forestry Field Days on August 30 and 31, 1957. Landowners and timber operators and guests were shown the latest methods to be used in forest management and forest marketing. Another feature of the Field Days was the recognition of the five woodland owners in Belknap County who are participating in the New Hampshire Pilot Woodland Management plan sponsored by the Sears Roebuck Foundation. These woodland owners are compiling records on the forestry work done on their properties, its costs, what equipment is used, the volume of timber cut, taxes paid and the value of the harvested products. The County Forester keeps them supplied with facts on market trends, and gives needed professional advice. When the Pilot project terminates in 1960 the summary of the results will be made available to landowners in Belknap County so they may make more efficient and profitable use of their woodlands.

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